

# **Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Pilots**

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

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EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models; job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years), to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund programs (each funded up to \$500,000 over five years) to capitalize loan funds to make loans for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

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## **BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP REVOLVING LOAN FUND PILOTS**

A major component of the Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is the award of cooperative agreements to states (including U.S. territories), political subdivisions (including cities, towns, and counties), and Indian tribes to capitalize Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) pilots. The purpose of the pilots is to enable States, political subdivisions, and Indian tribes to make low interest loans to facilitate the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields properties.

## **ELIGIBLE ENTITIES AND COALITIONS**

Eligible entities for fiscal year (FY) 1999 BCRLF pilots, as in previous years, were those entities previously awarded Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots. In addition, political subdivisions with jurisdiction over sites that had been the subject of a targeted brownfields assessment (formerly called targeted site assessments) also were eligible for a BCRLF pilot award.

Proposals from coalitions, formed among eligible entities, also were permitted to apply, but a single eligible entity had to be identified as the legal recipient.

## **ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES FOR BCRLF LOANS**

Use of BCRLF funds is limited to brownfields properties that have been determined to have an actual release or substantial threat of release of a hazardous substance. Loans also may be used at sites with a release or substantial threat of release of a pollutant or contaminant that may present an imminent or substantial danger to public health or welfare. BCRLF loans may not be used for activities at any site: (1) listed (or proposed for listing) on the National Priorities List; (2) at which a removal actions must be taken within six months; (3) where a federal or state agency is planning or conducting a response enforcement action.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

BCRLF Pilots are selected through a competitive process. All proposals are initially evaluated by U.S. EPA Regional evaluation panels. The panels consist of EPA Regional staff, including Regional Brownfields Coordinators, and other federal agency representatives. The panels assess how well the proposal meets the selection criteria outlined in *The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund* (January 1999). Final selection of pilots is made by EPA Senior Management, following the regional panel reviews.

*The Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative: Proposal Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (January 1999), Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Administrative Manual (May 1998), and Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund Model Terms & Conditions (October 1998), are located on the EPA Brownfields website at <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/rlflocat.htm>.*

## BCRLF PILOTS AWARDED

In 1997, EPA awarded 23 BCRLF pilots \$350,000 each. Of the 1997 BCRLF pilots, seven pilots have been selected to receive supplemental funding of \$150,000 each. Eligibility for supplemental awards was based upon approval by EPA regional offices that significant progress had been made by the pilot. The Vice President announced a second round of 45 BCRLF pilot awards in May 1999. These 45 new pilots represent 65 communities and include pilot awards to individual eligible entities and coalitions. Individual pilots were eligible for awards of up to \$500,000. Coalitions were eligible to receive awards up to \$500,000 per eligible entity.

*BCRLF pilots:* Austin, TX('99); Baltimore, MD('97); Battle Creek, MI('99); Birmingham, AL('97); Bridgeport, CT('97)\*; Boston, MA('97)\*; Brockton, MA ('99); Cedar Rapids, IA('99); Central Massachusetts Economic Development Authority, MA (Worcester)('99); Charlotte, NC('99); Chicago, IL('99); Clearwater, FL('99); Columbia, SC ('99); Columbus, OH('99); Commerce City, CO('97)\*; Cowpens, SC('99); Cuyahoga County, OH('97); Dallas, TX('97); Des Moines, IA('99); Detroit, MI('97); District of Columbia('99); East Palo Alto, CA('99); Emeryville, CA('99); Escambia County, FL('99); Evanston, WY('99); Franklin Regional Council of Governments, MA (on behalf of Colrain and Greenfield)('99); Hagerstown, MD('99); Hartford, CT('99); Hennepin County, MN('99); Hudson County, NJ ('99); Indianapolis, IN('97); Jacksonville, FL('99); Kemmerer, WY('99); Las Vegas, NV('99); Lawrence,

MA('99); Long Beach, CA('99); Louisville, KY('97)\*; Lowell, MA('99); Lynn, MA ('99); Mystic Valley Development Commission, MA (representing Malden, Medford, and Everett)('99); New Orleans, LA('97); Niagara County, NY (with Niagara Falls)('99); Philadelphia, PA('97); Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, MA (with Chicopee, Springfield, and Westfield)('99); Pittsburgh, PA('97); Portland, ME('99); Portland, OR('99); Richmond, VA('97); Rochester, NY('97)\*; Sacramento, CA('97)\*; Shreveport, LA('99); Somerville, MA('99); St. Louis, MO('97); St. Louis County, MO('99); St. Petersburg, FL('97); Stamford, CT('99); State of Arizona (on behalf of Phoenix and Tucson)('99); State of Colorado (on behalf of Denver, Englewood, Lakewood, and Loveland)('99); State of Illinois (with Canton, East Moline, Freeport, Galva, Lacon, and Waukegan)('99); State of Indiana('97); State of Minnesota('97); State of New Hampshire (with Durham, Londonderry, Concord, and the Office of State Planning)('99); Trenton, NJ('97)\*; Wayne County, MI('99); West Central Municipal Conference, IL('97); West Jordan, UT('97); Wheeling, WV('99); and Yonkers, NY('99).

\* Pilot selected to receive \$150,000 in supplemental funding.

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*Use of BCRLF Pilot funds must be in accordance with CERCLA, and all CERCLA restrictions on use of funding also apply to BCRLF funds.*

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